

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-22, 35-37, and 50-53 were pending. Claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 20, 28, 31, 34, 50 and 52 have been amended. Claims 8 and 27 have been cancelled herein.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's designation of claims 8, 16, 27, 35, and 50-53 as being drawn to allowable subject matter.

II. Remarks Regarding the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner has indicated claims 8 and 27 as being directed to allowable subject matter. The limitations of claims 8 and 27 have been herein incorporated into independent claims 1 and 20 respectively. As all pending claims in this application depend either directly or indirectly from either independent claim 1 or 20, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims should now be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly request that these claims be allowed.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit the Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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